

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A net-reinforced film structure, comprising:
a film layer; and
a netting attached to said film layer and having a pattern of netting strands, said netting being sealed to an adjacent film structure along one or more generally linear seal areas and being free of attachment to said adjacent film structure at non-seal areas, the netting strands at said seal areas having a wider cross-section than the netting strands at said non-seal areas at a time prior to sealing said netting to said adjacent film structure along said one or more generally linear seal areas.
2. The film structure of claim 1 wherein the netting strands at said seal areas have a shallower cross-section than the netting strands at said non-seal areas at a time prior to making said generally linear seal at said generally linear seal area.
3. The film structure of claim 1 wherein the film layer is comprised of a film material selected from a group consisting of low-density polyethylene, linear low-density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, metallocene, ethylene vinyl acetate, and blends of these.
4. The film structure of claim 1 wherein the netting is comprised of a netting material selected from a group consisting of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene, polypropylene/polyethylene copolymer, and metallocene.

5. The film structure of claim 1 wherein the netting strands at the seal areas have a width greater than or equal to about 60 mils.

6. The film structure of claim 1 wherein the netting strands at the non-seal areas have a width greater than or equal to about 5 mils.

5 7. The film structure of claim 1 wherein said adjacent film structure is an opposing film layer.

8. The film structure of claim 1 wherein said adjacent film structure is an opposing net-reinforced film structure.

9. A net-reinforced film structure, comprising:
10 a film layer; and
a netting attached to said film layer and having a pattern of netting strands, said pattern being comprised of standard netting strands and seal netting strands.

10. The net-reinforced film structure of claim 9 wherein said netting strands are placed in an orthogonal pattern.

15 11. The net-reinforced film structure of claim 9 wherein neighboring ones of said netting strands are spaced greater than or equal to about 0.25 inches from each other.

12. A method of forming a net-reinforced film structure, said method comprising:

- providing a film layer;
- attaching a netting to the film layer, said netting including strands;
- sealing said netting to an adjacent film structure along said strands;

~~providing a film layer;~~

attaching a netting to the film layer, said netting including standard strands and

seal strands, said seal strands having a wider cross-section than said standard strands;

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sealing said netting to an adjacent film structure along said seal strands.

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